

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY**

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1. Cyprus

a. Prospects for the direct involvement of the USSR or France in the deadlocked Cyprus situation appear to be growing.

b. The Turks [redacted] are convinced the Soviets are becoming deeply involved on the side of the Greek Cypriots and are supplying them with arms.

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c. [redacted]

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[redacted] Makarios feeds Turk apprehensions by saying he will turn to the USSR if he cannot get satisfaction elsewhere.

d. Makarios yesterday suggested French mediation, and at the same time appointed an ambassador to France. In view of De Gaulle's recent criticisms of the 1959 Treaty of Guarantee, Makarios feels on safe ground.

e. The French say they have received no formal request and that it would be inappropriate for them to do anything while the problem is at the UN.

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g. The British chief representative in Cyprus told Ambassador Wilkins last night that he expects momentarily to be told by Makarios that British troops can now leave, that the "Government of Cyprus," i.e., the Greek Cypriots, is able to keep the peace.

h. He intends to reply that the British are there to assist both communities and have no intention of abandoning one to the other.

i. The British, he told Wilkins, will hold their positions in Cyprus "come hell or high water."

j. There has been no change in the state of readiness of Turkish forces standing by.

2. Indonesia-
Malaysia

a. It now looks as though the Malaysian, Philippine and Indonesian Foreign Ministers will convene again in Bangkok next Tuesday.

b. Nobody is very eager, however.

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c. The Filipinos have said that they could see no useful purpose in it.

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the press indicated Malaysia intended to confine the talks to the cease-fire issue

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3. Communist China

a. The food situation in China, always a problem and particularly so during the early months of the year, is decidedly grim this year.

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c. The regime is trying to redistribute grain so that few actually starve though the rations of most will be even shorter.

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4. Rumania - Communist China

a. The Rumanians are taking on an extraordinary role in the Sino-Soviet dispute.

b. At Peiping's invitation, they are sending a Politburo-level delegation to China next week to discuss party relations and problems of unity in the socialist camp.

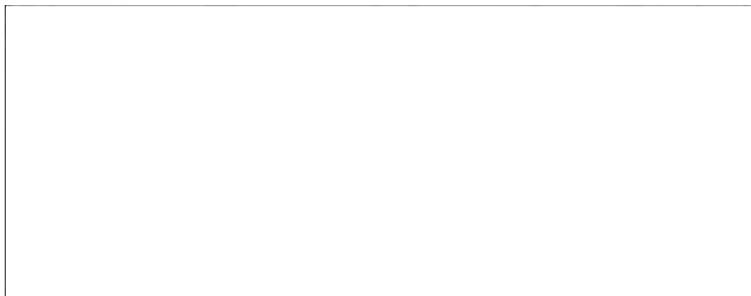
c. To date, the Chinese have shown no disposition to reach an accommodation with the Soviets, and at first blush this invitation looks like another attempt to chip away further at Moscow's support. We find it hard to imagine that the Soviets look upon this well-publicized maneuver with enthusiasm.

5. Dominican Republic

a. Dominican ruling circles are in an uproar over an amnesty law which triumvirate President Reid is trying to put through.

b. Under it, a large number of Castro-Communist militants currently in jail or exile would be freed.

c. So would many persons associated with the Trujillo regime. Among these are many military officers, as well as former President Balaguer who is now in exile.



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NOTES

- A. South Korea Students in Seoul are planning to demonstrate early next week against government corruption and police interference in student affairs. It may develop anti-US overtones, specifically on the status of forces issue.
- B. South Vietnam The conviction is growing in the large Chinese community in Saigon that the Viet Cong will win in South Vietnam. Lack of faith in the Vietnamese government's ability, uncertainty over US intentions, and accelerated Communist subversive activity are having a broad impact among the Chinese. Our Embassy points out that in this atmosphere, Chinese economic support of the Viet Cong could become significant.
- C. Bolivia The Barrientos affair has so stirred up Bolivia's armed forces that a state of alert has been declared. This is probably intended as much to keep junior officers from flying off the handle as anything.

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